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## PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for a communication system comprising:  
transmitting a request message, for acquiring a data packet channel, from a mobile station to a base station;  
transmitting an assignment message, for said acquiring said data packet channel, from said base station to said mobile station free of messages transmitted between said base station and a base station controller from a time after receipt of the request message by said base station and before the transmitting of the assignment message by said base station;  
transmitting a notification message from said base station to [[a]] said base station controller, wherein said notification message informs said base station controller of a process of said acquiring said data packet channel.
2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:  
completing said acquiring said data packet channel;  
transmitting an indication message from said mobile station to said base station controller indicating a successful completing of said acquiring said data packet channel.
3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2 further comprising:  
processing said indication message for message integrity at said base station controller.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 3 further comprising:

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transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to said base station in response to detecting a failure of said mobile station in passing said message integrity process.

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:  
releasing resources allocated to said acquiring said data packet channel.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2 further comprising:  
processing said indication message for security feature at said base station controller.

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6 further comprising:  
transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to said base station in response to detecting a failure of said mobile station in passing said security feature process.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7 further comprising:  
releasing resources allocated to said acquiring said data packet channel.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for a communication system comprising:  
transmitting a request message, for acquiring a data packet channel, from a mobile station  
to a base station;

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transmitting an assignment message, for said acquiring said data packet channel, from said base station to said mobile station;

transmitting a notification message from said base station to a base station controller, wherein said notification message informs said base station controller of a process of said acquiring said data packet channel;

completing said acquiring said data packet channel;

transmitting an indication message from said mobile station to said base station controller indicating a successful completing of said acquiring said data packet channel;

~~The method as recited in claim 2 further comprising:~~

starting a timer at said base station controller for measuring time expired after receiving said notification message;

transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to said base station in response to detecting expiration of said timer with respect to a timer threshold before receiving said indication message.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

allocating a portion of communication resources at said base station for response to said request message for acquiring a data packet channel.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a communication system comprising:

means for transmitting a request message, for acquiring a data packet channel, from a mobile station to a base station;

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means for transmitting an assignment message, for said acquiring said data packet channel, from said base station to said mobile station free of messages transmitted between said base station and a base station controller from a time after receipt of the request message by said base station and before the transmitting of the assignment message by said base station;

means for transmitting a notification message from said base station to [[a]] said base station controller, wherein said notification message informs said base station controller of a process of said acquiring said data packet channel.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 11 further comprising:

means for completing said acquiring said data packet channel;

means for transmitting an indication message from said mobile station to said base station controller indicating a successful completing of said acquiring said data packet channel.

13. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 12 further comprising:

means for processing said indication message for message integrity at said base station controller.

14. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 13 further comprising:

means for transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to said base station in response to detecting a failure of said mobile station in passing said message integrity process.

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15. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 14 further comprising:  
means for releasing resources allocated to said acquiring said data packet channel.
16. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 12 further comprising:  
means for processing said indication message for security feature at said base station  
controller.
17. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 16 further comprising:  
means for transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to  
said base station in response to detecting a failure of said mobile station in passing said security  
feature process.
18. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 17 further comprising:  
means for releasing resources allocated to said acquiring said data packet channel.
19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a communication system comprising:  
means for transmitting a request message, for acquiring a data packet channel, from a  
mobile station to a base station;

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means for transmitting an assignment message, for said acquiring said data packet channel, from said base station to said mobile station;

means for transmitting a notification message from said base station to a base station controller, wherein said notification message informs said base station controller of a process of said acquiring said data packet channel

means for completing said acquiring said data packet channel;

means for transmitting an indication message from said mobile station to said base station controller indicating a successful completing of said acquiring said data packet channel;

~~The apparatus as recited in claim 12 further comprising:~~

means for starting a timer at said base station controller for measuring time expired after receiving said notification message;

means for transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to said base station in response to detecting expiration of said timer with respect to a timer threshold before receiving said indication message.

20. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 11 further comprising:

means for allocating a portion of communication resources at said base station for response to said request message for acquiring a data packet channel.